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Our [Office for Older Americans](#) is working to provide older consumers and their families with the tools and information they need to protect themselves from frauds and scams.

Scams that target older people occur every day, but you can count on scammers to ramp up their efforts to prey on people's generosity during the holiday season. These grinchers, armed with their dirty tricks, may even weave the holidays into elaborate stories to pull at your heartstrings as they slip their sticky fingers into your wallet.

During the holidays, the common scam known as the imposter or "grandparent scam" might be decorated with a special plea, a story of a relative in trouble who desperately needs money to fix a car or get out of jail – and home for the holidays. [\[MORE\]](#)

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